

H.R. 1307. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1308. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification, and for other purposes.

### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 314. An act to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to exempt mortgage servicers from certain requirements of the Act with respect to federally related mortgage loans secured by a first lien, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 417. An act to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 519. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 699. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive study of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer, located in Idaho and Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

H.R. 975. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1047. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1308. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1670. A communication from the Director, Financial Management, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2002 Annual Report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1671. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2002 Annual Report for the National Archives and Records Administration; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1672. A communication from the Chairman, United States Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "The Federal Selection Interview: Unrealized Potential" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1673. A communication from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the fourth edition of the Commission's Strategic Plan and the Performance Plan for fiscal year (FY) 2002, received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1674. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commercial Activity Report for the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1675. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of State Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2002, received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1676. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Fiscal Year 2002 Performance Report, received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1677. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to surplus real property transferred for public health purposes, received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1678. A communication from the Chairman, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Equal Opportunity Commission's Government Performance and Results Act Fiscal Year 2002 Annual Program Performance Report, received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1679. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report regarding the implementation of the Government in the Sunshine Act for Calendar Year 2002, received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1680. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a plan ensuring the elimination, to the maximum extent practicable, of unwarranted disparities in the pay and benefits of employees being transferred to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1681. A communication from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of General Accounting Office reports for the month of January 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1682. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Maritime Commission's Annual Program Performance Report covering Fiscal Year 2002, received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1683. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting, the 2003 annual report for the Export-Import Bank's Sub-Saharan African Initiative, received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1684. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Management, Depart-

ment of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt from Certification; Mica-Based (Pearlescent Pigments; Confirmation of Effective Date) (Doc. No. 00C-1321)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1685. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "31 CFR Parts 560-575—Authorization of Certain Humanitarian Activities by Nongovernmental Organizations in Iraq and Iran" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1686. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuban Assets Control Regulations: Family and Educational Travel-Related Transactions, Remittance of Inherited Funds, Activities of Cuban Nationals in the United States, Support for the Cuban People, Humanitarian Projects, and Technical Amendments" received on March 18, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1687. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (1515-AD19)" received on March 18, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1688. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trade Benefits Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (RIN 1515-AD20)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1689. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compliance with Inflation Adjustment Act (RIN 1515-AD25)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1690. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trade Benefits Under Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (RIN 1515-AD22)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1691. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Entry of Certain Steel Products (RIN 1515-AD15)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1692. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deferral of Duty on Large Yachts Imported For Sale (RIN 1515-AC58)" received on March 17, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1693. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to options for sustaining the space launch industrial base and developing an integrated, long-range, and adequately funded plan for assuring access to space by the United States, received on March 19, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1694. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to certification that Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan,